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Country: Austria

Subject: Soviet Attempts to Obtain Italian-owned DDSG Stock

Date of Information: Current

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Because 46% of the Donau-Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft stock was owned by Italians, the Soviets plan to claim this stock as reparations at the Paris Peace Conference. The USSR hopes to purchase an additional 5% from small stockholders, in order to give Russia a legal majority of stock.

([REDACTED] Comment: After 1938, the Italian-owned stock was turned over to the Hermann Goering Werke. Of the remaining stock, 26% is held by the Austrian Government, 25% by the Credit-Anstalt, while the ownership of the other 3% is unknown.)

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